



GTOA Weekly Wonder

Most football teams are temperamental. That's 90% temper and 10% mental.

-Doug Plank

One accusation you can't throw at me is that I've always done my best. **- Alan Shearer**

I'd rather play in front of a full house than an empty crowd.

- Johnny Giles

Individual commitment to a group effort -- that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.

- Vince Lombardi

Baseball is what we were, football is what we have become.

- Mary McGrory

I learned that if you want to make it bad enough, no matter how bad it is, you can make it.

- Gale Sayers

When in doubt, punt!

- John Heisman

Maybe a good rule in life is never become too important to do your own laundry.

- Barry Sanders

And my favorite of this group of quotes...

Football isn't a contact sport, it's a collision sport. Dancing is a contact sport.

- Duffy Daugherty

Announcements:

The initial "Master Schedule" is posted on the GTOA website at www.tulsaofficials.com.

Please forward the e-mail of any of your crew members who are not receiving this e-mail to chadcraig1@cox.net. We are trying to compile a comprehensive and correct e-mail list.

Case 1: Team A sets in a scrimmage-kick formation with Number 79 in the deep position as the potential kicker. Number 33 is positioned as an interior lineman between the ends as an exception to the numbering requirement. A shifts and Number 33 assumes a position on the end of the line. Number 81 is on the other end of the line and Number 80, who started on the end, is now an interior lineman. Number 79 has exchanged positions with back Number 30. Who are the eligible receivers?

Ruling 1: Number 81 and all backs numbered 1 through 49 or 82 through 99. Number 33 remains ineligible and Number 79 is ineligible even though he is a back. COMMENT: When A is in a scrimmage-kick formation, they do not have to kick and they may kick when they are not in this formation.

Case 2: A1 rolls out on a run-pass option. (a) A1 passes from behind the neutral zone and is subsequently contacted by B1 who could have avoided the contact, but renewed his charge after the pass; or (b) A1 is 2 yards beyond the neutral zone when he passes and B1 continues his charge and contacts him.

Ruling 2: It is roughing the passer in (a), but cannot be roughing the passer in (b). However, in (b), though A1 lost his protection as a passer when he passed from beyond the neutral zone the contact could still be ruled a personal foul.

Case 3: A1's forward pass is deflected by B1 and then caught by interior lineman A2 behind the neutral zone.

Ruling 3: No foul has occurred as A2 became an eligible receiver after B1 touched the pass.

Case 4: K's ball 4/5 from R's 35-yard line. K is in scrimmage kick formation. The snap is bad and punter K1 has to scramble to retrieve the ball and rushers are coming at him. R1 grabs him by the back of the shirt to tackle him at R's 36-yard line as K1 begins to punt. K1 releases the ball but is unable to make contact with ball until after it touches the ground and begins to rise. K1's kick is strong and sails through R's uprights. What do we have?

Ruling 4: The only way this could be a legal kick is if you rule it is a drop-kick. A punt has to be kicked before it hits the ground so it's not a punt. A place kick has to be in a fixed position on the ground or on a tee so it's not a place kick. A drop kick is a legal kick by a player who drops the ball and kicks it when it touches the ground or as it is rising from the ground. The question is, is this player who is getting tackled and drops the ball and kicks it trying to complete a drop kick or was this punt attempt interrupted by the tackle and he kicks a fumble. Since fumbles bounce, his odds of kicking it as it rises from the ground are 50/50. I think it was a botched punt attempt. Since it doesn't meet the definition of a punt (has to be kicked before it hits the ground) it is a fumble. Kicking a fumbled ball is illegal. Since the illegal kick retains the status of a fumble, A fumbled the ball into the end zone so B can take it at the 20.

Good Website: If you have ever wondered about the evolution of your favorite team's helmets through the years, you can check it out here!!!

http://www.nationalchamps.net/Helmet_Project/